



**CREDITON**  
**URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

**1921.**

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**MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

FOR

Year ending December 31st, 1921.

## To the Crediton Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I am presenting my Annual Report for the year 1921 in a different form in accordance with instructions received from the Ministry of Health, who desire it to be presented in this form every year, and a fuller Survey report at intervals of Five years.

### 1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres) 1096 ; Population (1921) 3480 ; Number of Inhabited Houses (1921) 932 ; Rateable Value £16323 16s. 11d. ; Sum represented by a Penny Rate £55.

### 2. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

BIRTHS	Legitimate	57	30	27	} Birth Rate (R.G.) 17.81
	Illegitimate	5	1	4	
DEATHS		44	21	23	Death Rate (R.G.) 12.64
No of Women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth					from sepsis 0
					„ other causes 0
Deaths of Infants under one year of age per 1,000 births--80.6					
Legitimate 5 ; Illegitimate 0 ; Total 5					
Deaths from Measles (all ages)					... 0
„ Whooping Cough (all ages)					... 0
„ Diarrhoea (under two years of age)					... 2

### 3. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR

Diseases				Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Diphtheria	...	...	...	Nil	Nil	Nil
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	1	„	„
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid))	...	...	...	Nil	„	„
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	Nil	„	„
Tuberculosis :—						
(a) Pulmonary	M	...	...	0		2
	F	...	...	2		0
	Total	...	...	2		2
(b) Non-Pulmonary	M	...	...	2		0
	F	...	...	3		1
	Total	...	...	5		1

Ophthalmia Neona- torum	Cases			Vision Un- impaired	Vision impaired	Total Blindness	Deaths
	Noti- fied	Treated					
		Home	Hospital				
	3	3		3			

The notification of Tuberculosis in this District has been quite satisfactory, and there are no cases unnotified to the best of my knowledge.

#### 4. CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

There was no specially noteworthy cause of sickness during the year 1921.

#### 5. SUMMARY OF NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Available for the District.

*Professional Nursing in the home—(a) General.* The Crediton Sick Nursing Association provide one Nurse, paid for by subscriptions with help from the County Council.

*(b) for Infectious Diseases—Nil.*

#### MIDWIVES.

One Midwife provided by the Crediton Sick Nursing Association with help from the County Council.

#### CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

*Maternity and Child Welfare:* This is held weekly in the Red Cross Room in Market Street. During the year April 1921—April 1922, it was open 45 times. The total attendances were—

By Mothers	...	...	...	775
By Infants under One year			...	280
By Children from One year—Five years				620

*Day Nurseries* : Nil.

*School Clinics* : Held in the Red Cross Room under the County Council.

*Tuberculosis*  
*Venereal*  
*Diseases* } There are none in the District ; the nearest  
are at Exeter.

## HOSPITALS.

*Tuberculosis, Maternity, Children* : Nil.

*Infectious Cases* are nursed in their homes, except, when adequate isolation cannot be obtained, they are removed to the Exeter Sanatorium.

*Small-pox* : One small tin Hut, would take four beds, three-quarters-of-a-mile from nearest house : no nursing accommodation ; has never been used.

The other Hospitals available for the District are the Devon and Exeter Hospital, and the Eye Infirmary at Exeter.

## AMBULANCES.

(a) For Infectious Cases, by arrangement with Exeter Sanatorium.

(b) For Non-infectious Cases : By ordinary cars, or by St. John's Ambulance at Exeter.

There is a Motor Trailer which has not been used as no car in the district has been adjusted for attachment.

## 6. LABORATORY WORK.

Throat swabs, Sputum and blood for Typhoid are examined and reported on by the Devon County Council Pathological Department, free of cost, in the case of poor people.

Diphtheria Anti-toxin is provided by the Urban District Council for poor people, on the recommendation of the M.O.H.

## LIST OF ADOPTIVE ACTS.

Public Health Acts ; Dairy, Cowshed and Milk-shop Regulations ; Slaughterhouses Regulations ; Factories and Workshops Regulations.

## 7. SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

Bakehouses—Number, 8 ; Visits, 12.

Dairies, Milkshops }  
and Cowsheds— } Number, 12 ; Visits, 15.

Slaughterhouses—Number, 8 ; Visits, 25.

## 8. PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

1. Medical Officer of Health (part time).

2. Sanitary Inspector (part time).

In each case, a contribution to their salary is made under the Public Health Acts.

## 9. HOUSING.

Number of New Houses erected during the year—

(a) Total	...	...	...	0
(b) As part of a Municipal Housing Scheme				0

1. *Unfit Dwelling Houses.*

Inspection—Total number inspected  
for housing defects ... 60

Number of houses found to be in  
state unfit for human habitation ... 3

(2) *Remedy of defects without service of formal notices.*

Number of defective dwelling houses  
rendered fit in consequence of  
informal action by the Local  
Authority or their Officers ... 30



(3) *Action under Statutory Powers.*

(A) Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing Town Planning &c. Act, 1919.	...	...	Nil
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## (B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	20
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(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied—			
(a) by Owners	...	...	20
(b) by Local Authority in default of Owners	...	...	0

(C) Proceedings under sections 17 and  
18 of the Housing Town Plan-  
ning &c. Act, 1909.

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the mak- ing of Closing Orders	...	...	3
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(2) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	...	3
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(3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling houses having been rendered fit	...	...	0
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(4) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	0
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(5) Number of dwelling houses Demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	0
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In addition, I wish to call the attention of the Council to the Shortage of Houses ; a large number of Cases of Overcrowding having been reported to the Council previously during the year ; and also to the very unsatisfactory condition of the Drainage at Fordton, which has been reported on for many years, but still remains unremedied.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

HAROLD F. L. HUGO, M.O.H.

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